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STATEMENT

of the ownership, management, etc., of THE PROSPEROUS, published every Thursday at Collegeville, Pa., required by Act of Congress of August 14, 1912.
Owner, Editor, Managing Editor, Business Manager and Publisher, E. S. MOSER.
E. S. MOSER.
Amended to before me this first day of April, 1915.
(SEAL) H. R. VANDERLIE, N. P.
My commission expires Feb. 21, 1916.

About Town Notes

A regular meeting of Town Council was held on Friday evening.

Mr. Riggs' sale of personal property in the west end was postponed, on account of the blizzard, from Saturday to Monday afternoon.

Mr. Nold, of the Keystone Poultry Farm, Fairview Village, was in town on Thursday.

Meeting of Roosevelt Literary Society of the Collegeville High School on Friday afternoon, April 9.

The renewal on Monday of the main railroad track (with trolley car crossing adjustments) at the Collegeville crossing required trolley car passengers to change cars while the work was in progress.

Miss Agnes Brooke, of Philadelphia, spent the Easter holidays as the guest of Miss Ruth Wall.

Mr. Harry Reiff was home from Gettysburg College over the Easter vacation.

Dr. and Mrs. George Bordner, of York, spent the week's end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bordner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Moser, of Spring City, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moser over the week's end.

Miss Longaker entertained a number of friends from about town on Wednesday evening.

Miss Irene Porter, of Tacony, was the guest of Miss Harriet Stenger several days of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Grilstock and daughters spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Reigle has moved to the home of her daughter at Gilbertsville.

Miss Gladys Klausfelder, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Klausfelder, of Bethlehem, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Klausfelder.

Miss Lauretta Scheuren, of Abcon, N. J., and Miss Florence Scheuren, of Kennett Square, spent Easter at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Scheuren.

Misses Wayne and Benjamin Hughes, of Williamson Trade School, spent the Easter holidays at the home of their parents.

Lecture by Dr. Andrew Johnson in Bomberger Hall, Wednesday evening, April 7. Admission, 50 cents.

Gladys Baer, of Philadelphia, spent Easter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Renninger.

Mr. Van Osten, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday at the Van Villa.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity Reformed church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wanner on Monday evening.

Mrs. J. Stoner, of Norristown, visited friends about town on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Heinley, of York, spent several days at the home of Mrs. Harriet Grilstock.

Rev. and Mrs. Hoover, of Blaine, Pa., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Laidner several days during the past week.

Mr. G. F. Clamer has the contract to install an electric driven deep well pump at the home of Mr. Fred Redgraves at Ironbridge.

Miss Miriam Hendricks spent Sunday with relatives in Pottstown.

Mr. Aldorfer, of Kulpsville, was the Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hunsicker.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burns, of Roxborough, spent Easter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reiff.

Mr. Claude Alexander, of Harrisburg, was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. William Hill over the week's end.

Mrs. G. F. Clamer entertained the Sewing Club on Monday afternoon.

Mr. William Stenger spent Monday with friends in New Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bortz and children spent Sunday with relatives in Schwenksville.

Mr. McCurdy Bennett, of Philadelphia, visited friends about town on Monday.

The Women's Missionary Society will give an entertainment in the lecture room of Trinity Reformed church on Wednesday evening, April 21.

Mrs. Smith and Miss Florence Smith, of Philadelphia, were the Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Moser.

Miss Margaret Himes, of Norristown, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bartman.

Crescent Literary Society.

A regular meeting of the Crescent Literary Society will be held on Saturday evening, April 10, at eight o'clock, in the Mennonite schoolhouse, near York.

Recitations—Martha Famous, Geo. Ellis, Abram Gotwals, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Edna Schaffer; readings—Howard Famous, Emma Schaffer, L. C. Landes, Mary Smith, Estella Oberholzer, Isaac Davis, Florence Crist; instrumental solo—Elizabeth Pugh; vocal solos—Frances Famous, Abram Aliebach; Gazette—Mary Greenly, editor; assistant editor, Leo Yeager; contributors, Ernest Vocum and Mary Daneshower.

The Death Roll

Margaret A. Williams.
Margaret A. Williams, widow of the late John Williams, died at her home at Audubon, Thursday, aged 84 years. One son, William Williams, at home, survives. The funeral was held on Monday at 1 p. m. Services in Green Tree church. Interment in adjoining cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Mary A. Bucher.
Mary A. Bucher, widow of the late Jacob Bucher of Limerick, died on Monday at the residence of her son, Benjamin F. Bucher of Delphi, aged 81 years. Among the surviving children are Laura, wife of Stephen S. Tyson of Trappe, Hiram Bucher of Upper Providence, Jacob Bucher of Limerick. The funeral will be held on Saturday. Services at St. James' Reformed church, Limerick, at 11:30. Interment in adjoining cemetery; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

Jacob Drumheller.
Jacob Drumheller, of Sanatoga, died on Saturday, aged 78. The funeral was held on Wednesday. Interment in Pottstown cemetery; undertaker F. W. Shalkop in charge.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH.
The confirmation and communion services were well attended on Sunday regardless of the snow. Thirty-eight new members were received—one by letter, seven by renewal of profession of faith, thirty by confirmation. It was an inspiration and a joy to welcome this large number. This class together with the twenty-seven received at Skipack makes a total of sixty-five members received in this charge since the first of January.

The Easter service in the Sunday school was pleasant and helpful. The children rendered their parts in an excellent manner. The singing was good, also the address by Professor Hirsch.

The pastor was assisted in the communion service by Rev. C. D. Yost.

Services next Sunday as follows: Sunday school at 9 o'clock, church services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All welcome.

The Philadelphia Classis meets in annual session in this church on Tuesday, May the 11th.

REV. W. S. CLAPP, pastor.

Better Train Service on Perkiomen Railroad?

The Philadelphia and Reading Railway managers are said to be seriously considering a change in the passenger service of the Perkiomen railroad in order to accommodate the increasing patronage.

More especially to the demand of many Philadelphians who have bungalows and summer homes in the beautiful Perkiomen valley.

The tentative plan at present is to add a train in the evening to run as far as Perkiomen Junction, making connection there with the Main line trains Nos. 9 and 10 north and south; the Perkiomen train to return to Allentown. This train is to pick up the milk at the milk shipping stations at Palm, Red Hill, Ziegler'sville and Yerkess. This train would arrive at Collegeville at about 7:40.

The regular milk train in the morning will still be run for marketing and the farmers' milk. It is hoped the management will make the proposed changes and by so doing better service could be given the traveling public throughout the Perkiomen Valley.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

An interesting meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. R. P. Bean on Tuesday afternoon.

Reports showed that literature had been given out in the way of monthly papers, and that four books had been presented to the grammar school library. The franchise department gave a good report of work done. The matter of sending delegates to the semi-annual convention to be held with the Port Providence union in Green Tree church, June 2, was discussed.

Articles were read telling of the advance of prohibition within the past few months. Eight lectures are now under prohibition law. The May meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. N. R. Wanner.

In Jail Because He Refused to Pay Taxes.

Because he refused to pay fifty-seven cents county tax, Andrew Prescott, of Port Kennedy, was committed to the county prison, Monday evening, by Delinquent Tax Collector Charles Bond. Unless some of Prescott's friends go to his assistance he may stay in prison for an indefinite period. He positively refused to pay the amount due and stated that the county would have to keep him. He will be likely to change his mind, however.

Some Forms of Rheumatism Curable.

Rheumatism is a disease characterized by pains in the joints and in the muscles. The most common forms are: Acute and Chronic Rheumatism, Rheumatic Headaches, Sciatic Rheumatism and Lumbago.

All of these types can be helped absolutely by applying some good liniment that penetrates. An application of Sloan's Liniment is good for pain, and especially Rheumatic Pain, because it penetrates to the seat of the trouble, soothes the afflicted part and draws the pain. Sloan's Liniment is all medicine. Get a 25c. bottle now. Keep it handy in case of emergency.

White Man With Black Liver.

The liver is a blood purifier. It was thought at one time it was the seat of all diseases. The trouble with most people is that their liver becomes black because of impurities in the blood due to bad physical states, causing biliousness, headaches, dizziness and constipation. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clean up the liver and give you new life. 25c. at your druggist.

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AN APRIL BLIZZARD AND A WHITE EASTER.

An Atlantic coast storm was the cause of a mid-winter blizzard in April throughout the eastern section of Pennsylvania. There was a great gale of wind, and a heavy precipitation of snow on Saturday, and a dismal outlook for Easter-tide; but, Sunday morning brought sunshine and the warm rays of old Sol had a melting effect upon the white crystals and brought good cheer to the multitudes who had expected a dreary Easter. In the vicinity of Philadelphia the snow fell to the depth of about 10 inches. In this quarter the bed of snow was about 10 inches in thickness, but the high wind closed many of the crossroads with drifts and made them impassable. The blizzard and fall of snow extended only as far inland as Harrisburg and other points in the western and northern parts of the State. Traffic on the trolley lines was interrupted and service was not fully restored until Sunday afternoon. Notwithstanding the inconvenience of travel on Easter the attendance at the Easter services at the churches in this vicinity was rather large. The Evansburg road, between the two pikes, was drifted shut and those who would otherwise have traveled on it to their way to church were compelled to go by way of Perkiomen Bridge and the Germantown pike.

The blizzard of April 8, and Easter-tide of 1915, will be remembered for many a year.

EGG LAYING CONTEST.

The egg-laying contest conducted by four local poultrymen, with headquarters at F. W. Scheuren's barber shop, has taken an interesting proportion during the past month. Note the following figures for the month of March: E. E. Conway—average number of hens, 79.5; total number of eggs, 1614; average number of eggs per hen, 20.3. David Culp, Jr.—average number of hens, 37.3; total number of eggs, 788; average number of eggs per hen, 20.9. M. W. Godshalk—average number of hens, 166; total number of eggs, 896; average number of eggs per hen, 19.5. Horace Koons—average number of hens, 44; total number of eggs, 574; average number of eggs per hen, 13. The foregoing figures are interesting from the fact that a daily record is taken and in addition a record from all the hens owned by members of the contest. The contestants regret that all reports of laying hens have not been received. They refuse to recognize any extraordinary reports for a single day unless a record is taken of the total number of chickens owned by the one reporting, and also a record for the entire year. They contend that the old hen will lay in the spring season, and that the hen that lays eggs when eggs are scarce proves to be the valuable hen.

Second Floor Thief at Work in Limerick.

While Mr. and Mrs. Jacob R. Iselt, and hired man, of near Fry's creamery, between Limerick Square and Royersford, were at supper Wednesday evening of last week, the second floor was ransacked. The contents of the bureau drawers, having been scattered over the floor. The thief probably would not have been detected had not Mrs. Iselt, who was expecting company, gone into the yard to see if they had arrived. In looking about she noticed that someone was in the bedroom and was moving to and fro with a lighted lamp. She knew that it was neither the hired man nor her husband for they were both at the table. She quickly hurried to them and he three went upstairs. When they entered the room the intruder was gone. A hurried search resulted in finding that a gentleman's 18 carat gold watch had been stolen. The thief had entered the second story window by climbing up a porch and thence into a window.

False Report.

The report in circulation in this vicinity the past week that Edgar T. Robinson, a graduate of Ursinus and a teacher in the schools at Millville, N. J., was ill with small-pox, was false. Mr. Robinson was in no way affected by the mild form of the disease which pervaded Millville, and was grossly exaggerated by some of the newspapers. He has been engaged at teaching for the past two weeks.

Quarantined Jail.

A modified quarantine was placed on the county jail Thursday morning on account of an outbreak of chicken-pox in the prison. Persons sent to jail for commitment will be admitted, but no visitors will be allowed to enter for three weeks.

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"My dear wife is the beneficiary of my life insurance policy and I know I can rely upon her judgment and affection to use the proceeds thereof, so far as possible, for the benefit of herself and our children. I regret that the amount of this insurance will not be as large as I had intended and that the amount of my estate will not be greater. I have endeavored to provide comforts for my family during my lifetime and to assure them like comforts after my death, but I have met with many disappointments and reverses and all my efforts have not resulted to the advantage of my family as I had hoped.

"I desire that my medal of honor may be held by my son, Clarence, during his life, and then handed down to my grandson, John. Vanderslice, or to my then oldest living grandson, and so retained in the family. I prize it as an evidence of my youthful service as a soldier and of the manner in which I endeavored to do my duty as such, when the integrity and welfare of my country were endangered, and I trust it may ever be an incentive to the purest patriotism on the part of my descendants. As I can make no other provisions for my sisters and brother, I wish that each may receive some article as a token of my strong affection for them. The rest of my books, pictures and similar personal effects my wife and children shall divide among themselves."

The decedent names his widow and his son, Clarence, as executors, and directs that they file no inventory of the estate unless it becomes absolutely necessary.

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SENATOR HOAR'S FAMOUS BIRD PETITION.

Teachers who wish to observe "Bird Day" in accordance with the plans of the Liberty Bell Bird Club, and the recommendations of H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, should arrange a place on the Zoological Bulletin of February 15, program for the reading of Senator Hoar's Famous Bird Petition. This was presented in the Massachusetts Legislature by Senator George F. Hoar, and aroused such enthusiasm that it resulted at once in the passage of certain bird protective legislation which was desired by the Audubon Society. It was said by Professor Surface in his Quarterly Zoological Bulletin of February 15, 1904, "It will never grow old, and should be read by every person at least once every ten years." Let this be the decennial reading, as it is practically a decennial publication of this petition in Pennsylvania. It is as follows:

To the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, We, the song-birds of Massachusetts and their play-fellows, make this our humble petition:

We know more about you than you think we do. We know how good you are. We have hopped about the roof and looked in at the windows of the houses you have built for poor and sick and hungry people and little lame and deaf and blind children. We have built our nests in the trees and sung many a song as we flew about the gardens and parks you have made so beautiful for your own children, especially for your poor children, to play in.

Every year we fly a great way over the country, keeping all the time where the sun is bright and warm; and we know that whenever you do anything, other people all over the great land find it out, and the great lakes find it out, and pretty soon will try to do the same thing. We know; we know. We are Americans just as you are. Some of us, like some of you, came from across the great sea, but most of the birds like us have lived here a long while; and birds like us well here many years ago. Our fathers and mothers have always done their best to please your fathers and mothers.

Now, we have a sad story to tell you. Thoughtless or bad people are trying to destroy us. They kill us because our feathers are beautiful. Even pretty and sweet girls, who we should think would be our best friends, kill our brothers and children so that they may wear their plumage on their hats. Sometimes people kill us from mere wantonness. Cruel boys destroy our nests and steal our eggs and our young ones. People with guns and snares lie in wait to kill us, as if the place for the bird were not in the sky, alive, but in a shop window or under a glass case. If this goes on much longer, all your song birds will be gone. Already, we are told, in some of our fathers' lands, some of the birds, they are almost gone. The nightingales are being killed in Italy.

Now we humbly pray that you will stop all this, and will save us from this sad fate. You have already made a law that no one shall kill a harmless song bird or destroy our nests or our eggs. Will you please to make another that no one shall wear our feathers so that no one will kill us to get them? We want them all ourselves. Your pretty girls are pretty enough without them.

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E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

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The gale that swept the Atlantic coast Saturday caused the loss of scores of lives and wrought much damage. Twelve ships were wrecked. The fall of snow was unusually heavy for the month of April, and the pre-Easter blizzard of 1915 will be frequently referred to in the course of years to come.

The Local Option hearing at the Capitol, Harrisburg, on Tuesday, was attended by thousands of advocates and opponents. Intense feeling was manifested. It was the largest demonstration for and against proposed State Legislation ever seen in Pennsylvania.

The information is current that the man who received a diploma from President Roosevelt for the number of his progeny has been sentenced to 10 or 15 years in the penitentiary for inhuman treatment of his children. It was the birth of the eighteenth child to W. W. Walters of Colorado that prompted the foe of race suicide to transmit a diploma to the father of numerous children who utilized them for profit and treated them inhumanely. The proper rearing of children is of infinitely more importance to the welfare of the human race than families of extraordinary size.

The death of Editor Woodmansee of the Lansdale Reporter closed the career of a gifted member of the newspaper fraternity. He was not only a capable writer but he was also possessed of a remarkable readiness and fluency of speech that enabled him to meet with dramatic effect every emergency at public functions. In this respect he had no equal among his brethren of the quill in either Montgomery or Bucks county. He will be missed for many a day among those who could not help but appreciate his genius, his optimistic disposition, and the keenness with which he discerned sham and pretense. There was only one "Woodie"; and no one to take his place.

SENATOR CROFT of this county has introduced a bill appropriating \$2,000,000, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the purchasing and freeing of the toll roads in Pennsylvania that form a part of any State highway. The proposition is a good one and merits the support of the legislators at Harrisburg, without further postponement. The toll road nuisance and imposition upon the traveling public should have been abated long ago by the State. Six years ago the Legislature appointed a Commission to investigate the subject. The Commission located 722 miles of highways in the State for the use of which tolls are charged, reported a bill for the freeing of the roads, and the Legislature passed it by. The Croft bill should be enacted and the taking of tolls on highways be abolished.

The discovery was recently made in the central portion of the French Congo of a race of pygmies hitherto totally unknown. The members of the race are said never to surpass 1.5 meters, about 4 feet 9 inches, in height. According to La Revue, they live entirely isolated in the territory of Monginbo. They build huts of hemispherical shape in the forest in groups of from 5 to 30. The chief is an old man who exercises absolute and hereditary authority and elects his own successor. They follow a curious custom as to food, the women subsisting on edible roots, while the men live on the products of the chase. According to a legend among them, the former are descended from a hedgehog and the latter from a toad. They have vague notions of good and evil and have a certain cult of the dead, whom they inter with much piety. They are valiant in the defense of their liberty and independence.

HERE is some good sense from the Quakertown Free Press: "Undoubtedly those who seek to regulate the age at which children may find employment in factories and at other occupations are sincere and their efforts well meant, and if satisfactory child labor laws can be placed on the statute books, the good of child workers would be enhanced wonderfully. But if the laws so regulate child labor as to encourage idleness and vicious habits, they would work inconceivable harm. All children, whatever their age, in city, town and country, are the better off for having employment, especially during spare time and vacation periods, and if the law seeks to cut off all opportunities for being employed, no good result will be forthcoming. It is only too true that there are men unscrupulous enough to exploit the labor of children for their own advantage, but we have laws compelling attendance at school and parents ought to have enough influence over their children during spare time periods to supervise their employment. Some families are unfortunately so situated that every member thereof who is able to work is sent out to add as much as possible to the income, and it is welcome, however small. It would seem that if the State does require more adequate child labor legislation there should be real investigation of each and every case before a decision is made one way or the other. A haphazard law would result in more dead letters and confusion."

THERE is plenty of food for reflection in a bulletin on the Health of School Children, just issued by the Bureau of Education of Massachusetts. The writer of the bulletin, Dr. Francis George Curtis, of Newton, Mass., says: "If the schools are closed when an outbreak occurs, the children are turned loose from supervision; they mingle freely with one another in the streets, on play grounds, and in each other's houses. They are having an extra vacation and enjoying themselves thoroughly and are unwilling to admit that they feel ill, lest they be kept at home and prevented from having a good time. For this reason they will not say they feel ill until the disease is well advanced, and they may be active sources of infection for some time before it is discovered that they are ill. If the schools are kept open and the children continue in the classrooms as usual, they are under strict observation and examined daily by the school physician, suspicious and infected cases being sent home for observation or treatment. In this way many children are sent home before they have had an opportunity to infect others, thus reducing the probability of spreading infection. Further than this, the attention of the parents is called to the fact that the child is feeling ill and he is brought under treatment earlier. It seems, therefore, that keeping the schools open offers the best chance of safety for the pupils, both collectively and individually. Instead of closing the schools and allowing the children to be scattered and removed from supervision, when an outbreak appears, the schools should be kept open as usual and the children urged to attend. The school physician and nurse should be detailed to the school where the outbreak has appeared and instructed to examine every child daily, excluding such as appear ill or suspicious. This can be done with very little disturbance of the school work. A note must be sent to the parent stating that the child seems, or is, ill and must be seen by the family physician. Suspicious cases must be ordered to remain at home until further notice, and, if necessary, must be visited in order to settle the diagnosis. Absentees must be rounded up and examined in order to find out why they have been kept at home. If they are ill, they must be isolated, and, if well, urged to return to school." The above especially applies largely to schools in large towns and cities, but could be made to apply to all public schools.

Making the Little Farm Pay

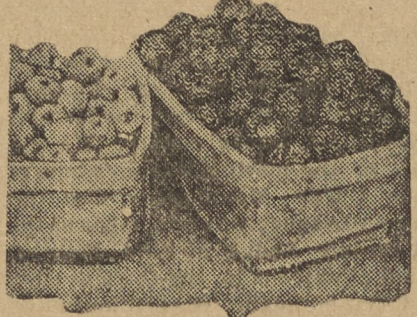
By C. C. BOWSFIELD

Intelligent farmers are seeking the widest possible diversification of products, many of them changing from methods which they have followed from childhood.

The modern system of agriculture requires commercial ideas in marketing and a fair cash return for capital, labor and management involved. Mixed farming in a broad way will give this business aspect to the vocation, and therefore studious men and women in the country are making experiments with poultry, fruits of many kinds, vegetables in great variety, different kinds of live stock and new methods of cultivation.

Raspberries and other bush fruits belong in a scheme of this nature and will prove a profitable feature, there being a steady demand for such products at remunerative prices. The investment is small, and the returns come quite regularly after the first year. The work of planting and caring for the berries is simple, and failure is almost out of the question.

Berries can be grown in an orchard and will return a large amount of money in the years when peach and



RASPBERRIES A PROFITABLE FEATURE

apple trees are coming to maturity. The more this orchard ground is stirred the better, and the cultivation of berries is of actual benefit to the apple trees up to a certain point. It is unwise to crowd the orchard, and care must be taken not to take the vitality of the soil too heavily. When the main orchard comes to the bearing period the wisest course is to remove all small fruits, though vegetables may be grown in a limited way.

There are many corners and out of the way spots on a farm which might be utilized as the location of berry and current bushes in this way a place would be beautified and hundreds of dollars would be realized with little effort. It is also true that small fruits give a profitable return when raised on high priced land.

Among the black caps, which are coming more into popularity of late years, the Gregg is the best known late variety. It is a very good shipper and an excellent variety for evaporating when picked by hand. The Kansas is similar to Gregg, ripening a week earlier.

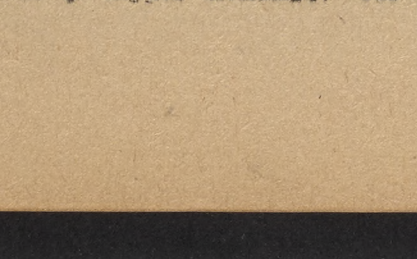
The Ohio is the great evaporating raspberry of the present day. The quality is poor, as it is very seedy, but it yields more pounds of evaporated fruit to the bush than any other variety. Of the purple cane varieties the Shafter is an excellent canning berry. The Philadelphia represents the red raspberry more closely than some of the other purple sorts. It is propagated by suckers and yields but sparingly. The Columbian is of the Shafter type, but ripens a little later.

The Marlboro is a red of common grade and early. It is noted for firmness. The London has vigorous canes, quite hardy and productive. It is a good berry for local market or home use. The Turner is hardy and vigorous. The fruit is sweet and of excellent flavor, coming toward the end of the season.

Perhaps if one had to choose a single variety the Syracuse red would be placed above all others. It is said to be the largest and most prolific of all. One of its advantages is that it will grow fruit vigorously from July 1 to August 15. The Haverly is the hardiest of all berry plants. It originated in Canada and is recommended for northern localities. The Cardinal is another wonderful raspberry, being hardy and prolific.

The red raspberry differs greatly in character from the black cap. The latter is propagated from tips, the ends of the canes when buried taking root and forming the new plant. The red raspberry propagates from suckers that spring up from the roots of the parent plant. With some varieties, especially the Cuthbert, these suckers are thrown up so freely as to interfere with the productiveness of the parent plants, making it necessary for the plantation to be renewed after it has borne fruit for two or three years. Any variety may be kept in fruit for many years if the young suckers are clipped off with a hoe, the same as weeds.

A Hint to Dairymen. Perhaps you are a dairyman and have a good herd of cattle, but the business is not paying a profit that will justify you in making some improvements that you would like to make about the premises. Have you a good local market? Look it over. Talk to the merchants and find out what they want and what you can produce at a profit. Is it early or late cabbage? You might spare enough manure to make an acre or two of land real fertile and grow a bumper crop that will bring bumper returns.



reel is formed with two circles of wood made up of three boards, the narrowest in the middle. The boards are held together by small circles screwed to them. The reel will run on an iron bar passed through the middle of the sides. Metal or wood washers should be placed between the reel ends and the sides of the stand. To make the arrangement a lasting one it should all be painted before being put together. It should be repainted in the spring when it is perfectly dry.—Farm Progress.

THE FARM ORCHARD.

The time has come when good fruit does not "just grow" without any effort on the part of the owner of the trees. Neglect means inferior fruit or none at all, and ultimately no trees on which to grow it. As dangers have multiplied means of overcoming them have increased. Spraying is no longer a job that calls for the employment of a college professor. Anybody can buy sprays ready made, can operate the machines to apply them, and can afford both sprays and machines if he has any trees. No farmer with a small orchard could be blamed very much for failing to spray his trees when he had to make his own material and apply it with inadequate machines. But that time is past. Sprays and machines are sold at a price that is cheap, and the day of universal spraying is approaching. Some day all states will require it by law as a few of them do now.—National Stockman and Farmer.

Suffocated. To the grouchy looking person who had boarded his car the conductor said as he stepped into his transfer: "This transfer expired ten minutes ago." Whereupon, with a growl, the man dug for a nickel and as he handed it to the conductor observed: "No wonder, with not a single ventilator open the whole car."—Harper's Magazine.

Mechanical Bread Raiser. "Oh, dear," groaned the young wife, "I don't know what to use to raise my bread. I've tried everything." "A derrick and a couple of jack-screws ought to do it," thought her husband, but he didn't say it aloud.—Boston Transcript.

Nobleman, Probably. Howell—I see that the hellish has put her money into the lumber business. Powell—That so? Howell—Yes. She has married a wooden man.—New York Press.

Boys'hood. Mamma—And you actually ate a little toad? What in the world made you do so? Little Lester Livermore—Will the Kikkover bet I didn't.—Judge.

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A Chicken Hearted Man

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By RUTH GRAHAM

Tom Nicholson was certainly a very lovable fellow. As a boy he was laughed at by his companions for being what they called "chicken hearted"—that is, he could not bear to see his mother chop the head off a chicken before cooking it. Like many farmers' boys he had a farm as soon as he could get away from it and went to the city.

But before going Tom found his romance. Indeed, that was his reason for going. Ellen Tucker was a slip of a girl fifteen years old, tall for her age and straight as an arrow. Every morning she drove her father's cows to pasture, passing the Nicholson farm. One day it rained, and Tom, noticing that Ellen's shoes were not waterproof, told her to go home and he would drive her cows to pasture for her and back again in the evening. Ellen accepted the offer, and it won her young heart.

After that occasionally the two used to drive the Tucker cows to and from pasture, and it was quite natural that they should become attached to each other. A boy and a girl in the country are more readily attracted to each other than in the city. The route to the pasture was a wood road, lined on each side by trees that in some parts arched it over. In these the light was subdued, coming only from sunbeams that pierced the branches. It so happened that one day when passing through this wood road, Tom stopped and remarked upon the stillness. Naturally Tom stopped too. He had been walking beside her and was very close to her.

It was just as natural for Tom to put an arm around her waist and bend forward and kiss her as for the leaves to grow on the trees, for insects to buzz about them, for birds to build their nests, and it was equally natural for Ellen to accept that kiss as a matter of course. They liked it so well that they took several kisses. Then they went on after the cows.

This is very well for the birds, who make their homes by finding a straw here, a feather there and, after the brood comes, bringing worms for food from the plentiful supply at hand, but with mankind it is a different proposition. For awhile the pair were happy in their newly found love, but it was not long before the necessity of providing for their future livelihoods dawned upon them.

This, as I have said, is what took Tom Nicholson to the city. He had known of men who had gone from the country to the city and made themselves far more comfortable there than they could have done cultivating the stony ground about them. Tom said goodby one day to Ellen, it being understood between them that when he became successful he would return and take her back with him.

Tom made friends so rapidly that for awhile he got on very well. It was when he had made his start that he began to lose ground. This was because when he had come to the city he had nothing to give and all favors passed from others to him. As soon as he got something the tide turned the other way. After having been in the city several years he had made himself so useful to one Paul Elmdorf that the latter gave him a partnership in his business and went away for a long absence, during which he proposed to travel and see something of the world.

That was the end of Tom Nicholson's rise. His chicken heartedness did not change a bit. If a poor widow wanted credit a few tears would bring from her all she needed. If a dabbler wished to sell him goods he had no use for he had only to tell of a suffering wife and children at home and the sale was made. And so it was that when the senior partner returned he found a large indebtedness in his business, with a number of loans, gifts and other outlays charged up to the junior's individual account.

Elmdorf was very much disgruntled. He at once dissolved the firm, and Tom was put out to shift for himself. His former partner kept an eye on him and whenever Tom's affairs seemed to look up a bit would make an effort to collect the money standing to him on the books of the old business. Elmdorf always sent a collector to his debtor. At first he tried very gentlemanly persons, who were instructed to pay to persuade Tom to pay something on account; but since Tom had nothing to pay with, they got nothing. Then the creditor sent a bully. He came back with a broken nose. Several others who tried to force matters received the same treatment.

Then Tom Tucker was still driving the cows to pasture—and alone. Tom wrote her encouraging letters till his partner returned from his travels; then the letters suddenly stopped. Tom could not bear to write her that he had come to grief and that his ruin was farther away than ever. Ellen endured his silence and her suspense as long as she could, then resolved to go to the city and discover for herself what had happened.

She boarded a train one day with a wicker suit case and, taking a seat, placed the case on the floor beside her. A man came through the train carrying a suit case very much like hers. He stumbled over her, looked down upon it and suggested that she permit him to put it in the rack. This was done, and the man took a seat beside her. During the trip he appeared to talk kindly to her and recommended a place for her to stop in the city.

On reaching the terminal Ellen's newly found friend suddenly disappeared in the crowd, and without saying goodby Ellen took the suit case from the rack, left the train and inquired the way to the address he had given her. She found it a rather cheap boarding house and engaged a room. Before going to bed that night, at tempting to open the suit case, she found that her key would not serve to unlock it. Then she examined the case and found that it was not hers. She remembered the man who had befriended her and supposed that by mistake he had picked up her suit case for his own. Doubtless she would hear from him very soon.

Having Tom's address at Elmdorf's store, she went there and inquired for him without making known who she was. Elmdorf told her where she could find Tom.

"By the bye," he said before she left, "Nicholson owes me some money. I've tried a lot of men to collect the debt and they have all failed. I have never thought to try a woman. If you will go to him and tell him a pitiful story about a sick mother and starving children I think you can get something out of him. I'll give you half of all you get."

Ellen assented to this proposition and set off to find Tom. He was not at home, and though she waited some time he did not return. Ellen went to her boarding house for dinner, intending to return in the afternoon. The man had not been there with her suit case, and it was suggested to her that he might have exchanged cases with her in order to appropriate her belongings in place of his own. Ellen broke open the suit case, and an astonishing sight greeted her.

The rest of the case was full of packages of bank bills.

Though Ellen was an unsophisticated country girl, she realized that the man who had shown so kindly an interest in her could not have been what he pretended. After much thought she decided on the most sensible thing she could have done. She inquired where she would find a police station, then, closing the suit case, took it there and handed it to a man in uniform sitting at a desk, telling him how it had come into her possession.

He opened it and at the same time opened his eyes. It was not long before he surmised that the money belonged to a bank that had been recently robbed and for which a large reward had been offered. After considerable telephoning a gentleman came into the station, counted the bills and found that they were the lost property in question. He took the suit case and Ellen to the bank, where they found much excitement on account of the find, and Ellen was shown into the president's private office, where she told her story to an interested audience.

When she had finished the president called a clerk, who retired and soon came back with a pass book bearing the name of Ellen Tucker. The president showed her a credit in it of \$10,000, which he said was the reward offered for the return of the money and which she was at liberty to draw whenever she wanted it. Ellen at once made a check for Tom Nicholson's debt to his former partner and one for needed expenses.

All this happened without Ellen having seen Tom. She went to his lodgings again, but again failed to find him at home. She waited, and in due time he came in.

"Tom," she said, "why did you stop writing me?"

"I'm afraid, Ellen," he replied, "that we must give each other up. I'm no good."

"You're too good," she replied. "While other people are looking out for themselves you are looking out for other people."

Then she told him what had happened.

The next day Mr. Elmdorf was sitting in his office when who should come in but the girl who had been commissioned to collect Tom's debt and Tom himself.

"This is my husband," said Ellen. "We were married this morning, and here is a check for the amount of his indebtedness to you."

When Elmdorf had heard the story he told Tom that if his wife would resume the partnership. But Tom said that he had had enough of city life and was going back with his bride to the country and they would put her money into a farm.

"You'll doubtless get on all right," Mrs. Nicholson said Elmdorf, "if you take care of the funds and keep being a good husband."

The mystery of the suit case was thus solved by the police. The thief was suspected and a force was waiting at the station to take him. This he knew, and he fled the country. Between his and Ellen's suit case, he resolved to exchange them, hoping to recover the money later. But he was arrested, and before he was released she had returned the property.

Tom and Ellen returned to the country. Their first act after arriving was to drive the cows to pasture, and they stopped where they had taken their first kiss to give thanks for the good fortune that had befallen them.

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Charles Edward Stuart escaped to France where he had wandered for five months in the highlands, pursued by his enemies. He died in Rome Jan. 30, 1788. The Duke of Cumberland gave no quarter. The wounded were all slain, and the jails of England were filled with prisoners, many of whom were executed. Among the latter number were Lords Balmerino, Kilmarnock and Lovat—Lovat being the last person who was beheaded in England—Philadelphia Press.

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